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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
Becker, et al.)
Application No. 10/075,153) Art Unit: 2876
Filed: February 14, 2002) Examiner: K. Koyama
For: Coding Symbology and a Method)
for Printing Same)

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 03, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed April 03, 2003 ("Action"), which set a shortened statutory period of time of three months for a reply. Because this Reply is submitted within that time limit, no fee is due. Notwithstanding, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached for that purpose.

The format of this Reply is in accord with that approved in the Official Gazette Notice of February 25, 2003, entitled "AMENDMENTS IN A REVISED FORMAT NOW PERMITTED." In view of the below Amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections and rejections and allow the claims to issue.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A. Correction of Correspondence Address

Applicants respectfully request that correspondence and telephone calls be directed to:

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B. Correction of the Record As to the Filing Date of the Preliminary Amendment

The Action acknowledges a preliminary amendment that was purportedly filed on May 02, 2002 (Action at ¶1). Applicants' records show that a preliminary amendment was received in the Patent Office on May 20, 2002. A copy of the return postcard is enclosed. Correction of the record is thus respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

A proposed correction to Figure 1 is enclosed.

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